

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Subject: RE: Comment on CDC Draft Guidance for Prevention of Catheter-Related Infection

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mary Lawanson-Nichols and I am the Clinical Nurse Specialist for our general ICU. I would like to comment on the CDC draft for Prevention of Catheter-Related Infections.

At our facility we use MaxPlus Clear which neither falls under the category of "split-septum" or "mechanical valve." It is noted in the draft that, "the split septum is preferred over the mechanical valve...."

I am unsure where MaxPlus Clear would be duly noted within this statement.

MaxPlus is a positive "displacement" saline lock cap that thru the use of this product and numerous studies (I have researched) prevents reflux back to the catheter line. The clear housing design assists the bedside clinician with "flushing" the cap so that it is clear. This decreases the incidence of infection associated with blood and or medication left behind that could migrate from the cap to the bloodstream. This has been highlight as an important factor to decrease catheter related infections.

The CDC has a daunting task to review all products that could increase and decrease catheter related infections. It would be of great assistance to practitioners assessing this document; if all designs are carefully considered, evaluated and classified.

Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

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